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SUBJECT: BULGARIA PRESENTS DRAFTS FOR AGREEMENTS IN SCIENTIFIC/
TECHNICAL AND AGRICULTURAL FIELDS.

REF: SOFIA A-39, SOFIA 0568 AND 0569

1. ON APRIL 19, MFA HANDED EMBASSY TWO NOTES. ONE
TRANSMITTED DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR U.S.-BULGARIAN SCIENTIFIC/
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND THE OTHER DRAFT U.S.-BULGARIAN
AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD. NOTES
AND ATTACHEMENTS POUCHED APRIL 22 UNDER COVER SOFIA A-39.

2. WHEN NOTES HANDED OVER, DCM EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND
CONCERN THAT CULTURAL EXCHANGES AGREEMENT NOT PRESENTED
AS WELL AND SUGGESTED GOB CONSIDER INCLUDING CULTURAL
EXCHANGES IN SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL COOPERATION DRAFT OR
PRESENT SEPARATE DRAFT. MFA OFFICER SAID GOB UNDER
IMPRESSION USG WOULD PREPARE DRAFT OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES
AGREEMENT BUT PROMISED LOOK INTO MATTER AND INFORM
EMBASSY TODAY (APRIL 22) IF GOB WOULD SUBMIT SUCH A
DRAFT. WE HAVE NOT YET HEARD BUT CANNOT RULE OUT THAT
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GOB MAY YET COME UP WITH DRAFT ON CULTURAL EXCHANGES.

IN ANY CASE, GOB HAS MADE IT CLEAR DURING AMBASSADOR'S INITIAL CALLS AND DURING DENT VISIT THAT THEY WILL BE RECEPTIVE RE CULTURAL EXCHANGES.

3. IT MAY BE TO OUR NEGOTIATING ADVANTAGE TO PRESENT OUR DRAFT PROPOSAL ON CULTURAL EXCHANGES QUICKLY, THUS BEING IN POSITION OF HAVING ALL DRAFTS CONSIDERED SIMULTANEOUSLY. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT AND USIA VIEWS.

4. WE SEE PROBLEMS WITH GOB DRAFTS (E.G. AGRICULTURAL DRAFT ARTICLE 3 SUB 1 AND 2) BUT LANGUAGE COULD PROVIDE FOR "ENCOURAGING" OR OTHER SIMILAR LANGUAGE RATHER THAN PICTURING ACTIONS AS MANDATORY; ALSO TYPE IN ARTICLE 4 OF DRAFT SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL WILL OCCASION HILARILY; AND IN GENERAL (DRAFT IS SO BROAD THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE MEANINGFUL. HOWEVER, DRAFTS ARE A STARTING POINT FOR NEGOTIATIONS WHICH COULD LEAD TO MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL AGREEMENTS.

5. WE BELIEVE BULGARIAN EXPECTATION OF EARLY VISIT TO U.S. BY VICE PREMIER POPOV WILL CREATE FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR NEGOTIATION ON BASIS OF U.S. COUNTER-PROPOSALS.
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